

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-14 and 16-31 remain pending in the application.

Claims 1-4, 6, 7-14, and 16-31 over Lohtia, Whitington, Bar & Hines

In the Examiner's Answer, claims 1, 2, 10-12, 19-21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over U.S. Pat. No. 6,560,456 to Lohtia et al. ("Lohtia") in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,131,028 to Whitington ("Whitington"); claims 3, 4, 7-9, 13, 14, 17, 18, 22, 25, 28 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Lohtia in view of Whitington, and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,456,852 to Bar et al. ("Bar"); and claims 6 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Lohtia in view of Whitington, and further in view of U.S. Publication No. 2004/0203922 to Hines ("Hines"). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Claims 1-4 and 6-10 recite receiving an information telephone call from a subscriber, a telephone number initiating the telephone call including at least one auxiliary digit suffixed by the subscriber to an end of the telephone number. Claims 11-14, 16-19 and 29-31 recite receiving, at a mobile switching center, an information telephone call from a subscriber, a telephone number initiating the telephone call including at least one auxiliary digit suffixed by the subscriber to an end of the telephone number. Claims 20-22 and 26-28 recite a receiver to receive an information telephone call from a subscriber, a telephone number initiating the telephone call including at least one auxiliary digit suffixed by the subscriber to an end of the telephone number; and claims 23-25 recite a receiver integrated with a mobile switching center to receive an information telephone call from a subscriber, a telephone number initiating the telephone call including at least one auxiliary digit suffixed by the subscriber to an end of the telephone number.

Thus, as can be seen, ALL pending claims require an information telephone call initiated with a telephone number that includes at least one auxiliary digit suffixed by a subscriber to an end of the telephone number.

The Examiner cites Lohtia, but agrees that Lohtia fails to teach a "location-based service to obtain a location of the subscriber is a wireless service and a telephone number initiating said telephone call including at least one auxiliary digit (feature code) beyond those associated with the information telephone call; retrieving a message relating to said location based on requested information associated with said at least one auxiliary digit." (Examiner's Answer at 4) It is respectfully submitted that what Lohtia fails to teach is, essentially, the entire invention.

The Examiner cites Whitington for allegedly disclosing a "location-based service to obtain a location of the subscriber is a wireless service (abstract, columns 2-5) and a telephone number initiating said telephone call including at least one auxiliary digit (feature code) beyond those associated with the information telephone call (column 3 lines 22-35 and column 4 lines 53-65); retrieving a message relating to said location based on requested information associated with said at least one auxiliary digit (i.e., a feature code can be used to obtain directions to the nearest gas station)(column 3 lines 22-35 and column 4 lines 53-65)." (Examiner's Answer at 4-5)

Whitington teaches the use of a feature code to specify a location based service. In response to receipt of this feature code (Note that this is NOT in response to a telephone call with a telephone number as claimed by ALL pending claims herein), Whitington's method sends a query to a location finding service. Then, the service specified by the feature code is returned. (Whitington, Abstract)

Whitington details that his "feature code is a specified sequence of digits FOLLOWING AN ASTERISK (*)." (Col. 3, lines 22-23) The **feature code** and telephone number are received by an MSC 17 as an incoming call. BUT, the MSC recognizes the use of a **feature code** and instead of routing the call as a telephone call, it identifies the **feature code** and sends an appropriate origination request to the HLR 19. The HLR sends a **feature request** to location based call forwarding service, which processes the **feature request** and sends a location query. (Whitington, col. 3, lines 37-47)

ALL pending claims herein are amended herein to emphasize that the telephone call is an information telephone call, and includes at least one auxiliary digit suffixed by a subscriber to an end of the telephone number.

It is IMPORTANT that the auxiliary digits be **SUFFIXED** to the **END** of the telephone number, as that allows the call to be routed FIRST to the destination network element (in this case the 411 information service), which then looks at SUFFIXED digits to determine a requested service.

Whitington teaches use of a FEATURE CODE that MUST be entered BEFORE or in FRONT of the telephone number.

In fact, Whitington TEACHES AWAY from the invention because it WOULD NOT WORK if the feature code were suffixed to the end of the telephone number.

Clearly, neither Lohtia nor Whitington, either alone or in combination, discloses, teaches or suggests an **information telephone call**, with an initiating telephone number including at least one auxiliary digit suffixed by a subscriber to an end of the telephone number, as REQUIRED by ALL pending claims 1-4, 6, 7-14 and 16-31.

The Examiner additional cites Bar in rejecting claims 3, 4, 7-9, 13, 14, 17, 18, 22, 25, 28 and 31 as showing that an information call uses the dialed digits "4-1-1". Nevertheless, even the combination of Lohtia in view of Whitington, and further in view of Bar, fails to disclose, teach or suggest an information telephone call initiated with a telephone number that includes at least one auxiliary digit suffixed by a subscriber to an end of the telephone number, as claimed by claims 3, 4, 7-9, 13, 14, 17, 18, 22, 25, 28 and 31.

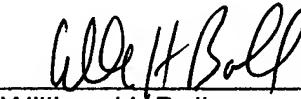
With respect to claims 6 and 16, the Examiner additionally cites Hines for allegedly teaching locating a wireless device using angle of arrival. (Examiner's Answer at 8). Nevertheless, even the combination of Lohtia in view of Whitington, and further in view of Hines, fails to disclose, teach or suggest an information telephone call initiated with a telephone number that includes at least one auxiliary digit suffixed by a subscriber to an end of the telephone number, as claimed by claims 3, 4, 7-9, 13, 14, 17, 18, 22, 25, 28 and 31.

Accordingly, for at least all the above reasons, claims 1-4, 6, 7-14 and 16-31 are patentable over the prior art of record. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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